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MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY, INTELLIGENCE ADVISORY BOARD:

Subject: Proposed NIA Directive on the Coordination of Intelligence Production

1. The Ad Hoc Committee has prepared the attached draft of a proposed NIA Directive on the Coordination of Intelligence Production. It has the unanimous concurrence of the committee except for paragraph 2c(4) on which there is attached a minority report from the A-2 member.
2. The proposed compilations of basic intelligence will be called National Intelligence Surveys (NIS). That on the Soviet Union, for example, would be the National Intelligence Survey of the USSR.
3. In the establishment of arrangements for the production, continuing revision, and dissemination of the NIS due consideration should be given, in the interests of economy and efficiency, to the necessity of closely coordinating the NIS with the overall intelligence requirements of the individual intelligence agencies.
4. An essential preliminary to the initial planning for the production of NIS will be consultation with the JIC and the ID, WDCS, with a view to gaining their consent to merging their respective productions, JANIS and SID, with NIS.
5. It is contemplated that in working out the details for producing, maintaining current, and disseminating the NIS careful consideration will be given to the intelligence needs of the JCS and all other agencies with responsibilities involving national security. These needs should be automatically determined in the course of pursuing the following program to initiate the production of NIS:
  - a. Adoption of an outline of the complete contents.
  - b. Formulation of the procedure for producing, maintaining current, and disseminating NIS.
  - c. Establishment of priorities by section and country for production of NIS.

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d. Allocation of production and maintenance responsibilities by agreement of CIG and the agencies represented on IAB.

6. Recommendations:

a. that IAB concur in the attached draft of a proposed NIA Directive;

b. that IAB go on record as desiring that members of JIC consent to merge JANIS with NIS as mentioned in paragraph 4 above;

c. that IAB recommend to the Director of Central Intelligence that he request the Director of Intelligence, WDGS, to consent to merge SID with NIS as mentioned in paragraph 4 above; and,

d. that IAB and JIC appoint an Ad Hoc Committee with representatives from CIG, ORI (SD), ID (WDGS), ONI (Navy), A-2 (AAF), JIS, and JTS to plan, with the aid of as many subcommittees as necessary, the program to initiate the production of NIS outlined in 5a, b c, d above, the committee to make specific recommendations to the Director of Central Intelligence regarding the following:

(1) The integrating of the JANIS and SID production into the program to be produced under the name of National Intelligence Surveys, and

(2) The future production and priorities for the integrated program for NIS taking into consideration past production of JANIS's and SID's.

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Incl:  
Draft of Proposed  
NIA Directive